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## Man Buys Acid off of Flipkart and Creates False Alibi Before Attacking a Girl in Delhi

Tuba Faheem

A 17-year-old girl was attacked with an acid-like substance by two bike-riding guys on Wednesday morning as she and her younger sister were headed to school in Dwarka. The attack took place no more than 100 meters from her home.

The girl is currently receiving treatment at Safdarjung Hospital for significant injuries on her face, neck, and eyes.

According to Delhi police, the crime happened at about 7:30 am and was reported to them at 9 am, and as of now, three suspects have been detained.

A video collected shows one of the accused throwing an acid-like substance at the girl while riding a pillion on a motorcycle. The girl can be seen fleeing away while covering her face.

Shopkeepers in the neighborhood hurried to rush cold milk and water over the girl's face while her younger sister (13) sprinted towards their home and called her parents.

The primary suspect, Sachin Arora (19), and his friends Harshit and Virender Singh have all been taken into custody, according to Special Commissioner of Police (Law and

Order) Sagar Preet Hooda. "Harshit was riding the bike with Sachin," he remarked. Virender however made an effort to fabricate an alibi for Sachin and deceive the cops.

He appeared in a resembling attire, took Sachin's phone, and assumed a different position with a bike.

The material that resembles acid will be chemically analyzed.

"I find it unbelievable that this occurred in a busy lane. My daughter is a bright young lady who has never been violent. I would have taken care of her and dropped her off at school if I had known about the man. There were two males, according to my younger daughter, and their faces were concealed," said the girl's father.

The girl is receiving treatment at Safdarjung Hospital; and has burn injuries that are 7-8% severe. "She doesn't criticize. Her eyes are puffy, and she has burns on her cheeks and neck. She is recuperating and can speak", a representative claimed.

"We received information around 9 am at Mohan Garden police station that the girl was attacked by two bike-borne guys with an acid-like material,"

said Harsha Vardhan, DCP (Dwarka).

Police said that after conducting multiple raids in Dwarka, the child and her sister were able to identify the suspect and make the arrests. "She was getting ready for her CLAT examinations on December 18," the girl's uncle stated. "Now we're all afraid. How is it possible to use acid to attack someone?"

Every day, the girls would ride the Metro to school. She had made a suggestion that a boy was bugging her. They had previously resided in the same area. All we want is for her to get better soon".

According to what we know, Sachin and the girl were neighborhood friends. She cut off communication with him about 2-3 months ago. Sachin intended to act because he was furious with the situation.

"I don't have the strength to look at her face," her mother remarked of the girl's desire to become a judge. "She is struggling and in anguish. Everyone should be detained by the police, in my opinion. The girls I have are sweet and innocent". The exact reason the accused attacked her is unknown.

## Couple Fined Rs.3000 In Bengaluru For Walking On Streets

Khushboo C. Patel

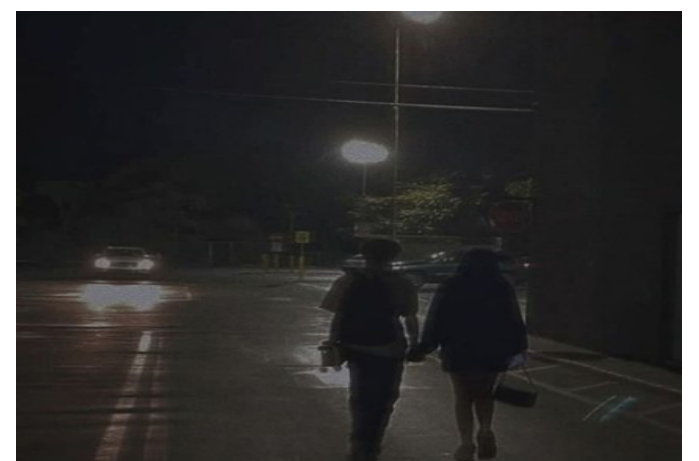
A couple in Bengaluru, Karnataka, claims that police harassed them on Thursday night and demanded that they pay 1,000 through the payment app Paytm for allegedly breaking the law by walking on the street in front of their home after 11 p.m..

This incident took place near Manyata Tech Park, where the couple resides. This come under the notice of the Bengaluru Police when a man named Karthik Patri on Twitter narrated the whole incident and requested the Bengaluru City Commissioner of Police for help. "I would like to share a traumatic incident my wife and I encountered the night before.

It was around 12:30 midnight. My wife and I were walking back home after attending a friend's cake-cutting ceremony (We live in a society behind Manyata Tech park)," Mr Patri started, and then on to detail the incident in a series of 15 tweets.

Anoop A Shetty, Deputy Commissioner of Police, North East Division, Bengaluru City, responded to the Twitter thread, thanking Mr Patri for bringing it to their notice and assuring him of stern action.

The police has launched a probe, resulting in a constable and a head constable attached to the Sampigehalli police station being suspended.



# GLOBAL

## World's Largest Volcano Erupts After 40 years; Health Experts Warn Locals to Beware of 'vog'

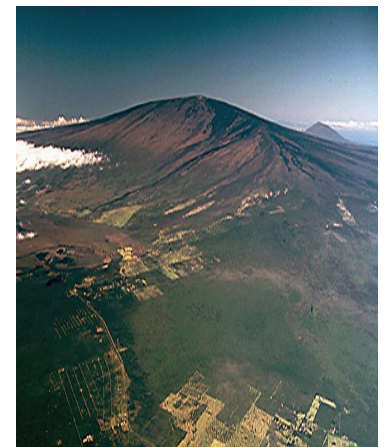
Vishnuja Ranjith

The world's largest active volcano, Mauna Loa, erupted for the first time since 1984 on Monday. According to sources, the lava is flowing down the side of the volcano with a temperature of around 1,000°C, but experts say it does not pose a major threat to residents. Mauna Loa spews lava plumes more than 100 feet high and creates a river of molten rock that flows down a major highway on Hawaii's Big Island. A stream of lava flows from Mauna Loa, near Hilo, Hawaii. Andrew Hooper, a professor of geophysics at the University of Leeds in the UK told the BBC that there have been signs of high magma over the last 10 years, but there has not

been an eruption until now. Mauna Loa, which means "long mountain" in Hawaiian, is the world's largest active volcano. It covers an area of 2,035 square miles and is part of the chain of five volcanoes that form the Big Island of Hawaii. Mauna Loa has erupted 33 times since 1843 when the first recorded eruption occurred. On average, there is an eruption every 5.5 years. However, the last eruption was nearly 40 years ago. Unlike many volcanoes, Mauna Loa's eruptions are not typically explosive ones, in which plumes of ash and gas rise into the air. Instead, the lava flows at a rather slow rate down the side of the volcano. Experts have assured that

the lava does not travel towards the west where the nearest towns are situated, rather it travels towards the northeast which rules out the possibility of harm caused by lava. The only concern for the people who live nearby is the emission of harmful 'vog' or volcanic fog. The local health authority said the air quality was still good, but warned that it could get worse. If so, locals should avoid outdoor activities and stay indoors, keeping doors and windows closed. The Hawaii Department of Health has warned residents and visitors about "flying conditions, airborne ash, rising and fluctuating levels of sulfur dioxide in

different parts of the state. The health ministry said children, the elderly and people with breathing problems should reduce outdoor activities that cause breathing difficulties and reduce exposure by staying indoors and closing windows and doors. The governor acknowledged the possibility of airborne hazards and said that officials were monitoring air quality across the island. Although no evacuation orders have been issued, the health department has said that they have signed an emergency declaration as a precautionary measure. The statement will provide all emergency responders, if necessary to activate the National Guard, to help



control and move people away from the volcano. The Geological Commission said earlier this week: "Based on past events, the early stages of an eruption in the Mauna Loa fault can be very dynamic, with the location and course of lava flows which can change rapidly".

## Tawang Conflict: China Calls on India to "Strictly Regulate" and "Restrain" Front-Line Troops

Sukriti Bansal

Tuesday, December 13

Days after Indian and Chinese troops battled in the Tawang sector of Arunachal Pradesh, inflicting minor injuries on both sides—China asked India to "strictly control" and "restrain its front-line troops. Additionally, China said that Indian Army soldiers "illegally crossed the line to prevent" a routine border patrol by Chinese troops. A spokesperson for the Western Theatre Command of China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) was quoted by the news agency Reuters as stating, "We urge the Indian side to firmly regulate and limit the front-line soldiers, and work with China to maintain peace and stability on the border."

According to the spokesperson, the Indian troops "illegally crossed the line to disrupt" a normal patrol of Chinese border guards. The incident happened on December 9 in the Tawang sector of Arunachal Pradesh, which borders southern China, in the Yangtze region. The situation along China's border with India was described as "mostly stable" by the foreign ministry of China. At a press conference, Wang Wenbin, a spokeswoman for the Chinese Foreign Ministry, stated that through diplomatic and military channels, the two sides have maintained effective communication on border-related problems.

The Chinese government, according to Wang, believes that the "Indian side would work with us in the same direction" and deliver the crucial consensus established by the presidents of both countries. Additionally, he said, "... firmly abide by the spirit of the pertinent bilateral agreements made by both parties and jointly maintain peace and tranquility in the border areas." However, the Chinese Defense Ministry has not yet responded to the conflict. Rajnath Singh, the defence minister, spoke about the incident earlier on Tuesday in Parliament and said that the Indian Army "bravely restrained the PLA from invading our territory."



## Important Dates in December

- 01/12 - World AIDS Day**  
**Theme: Rock the Ribbon**
- 02/12 - National Pollution Control Day**  
**- International Day for the Abolition of Slavery**
- 05/12 - World Soil Day**
- 06/12 - B.R. Ambedkar's death anniversary**
- 10/12 - Human Rights Day**
- 11/12- UNICEF Day**
- 18/12- Minorities' Rights Day in India**
- 23/12- Kisan Diwas**
- 25/12- Good Governance Day**  
**- Christmas**
- 31/12- New Year's Eve**

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Most Watched Indian Movies - 2022

Sukriti Bansal

The top 10 most watched Indian films according to IMDB have been revealed. No other Bollywood film, outside **The Kashmir Files** and **Major** has made it to the list of most popular films. With the box office numbers and theatre turnout this year, it was not unexpected that **eight South Indian movies** made it to the top 10. The most eagerly awaited sequel of the year, **KGF** came in third. Kamal Haasan's **Vikram**, Rishab Shetty's **Kantara** and R.Madhavan's **Rocketry: The Nambi Effect**; which were placed fourth, fifth, and sixth, respectively, followed.

The seventh-placed film is Adivi Shesh's **Major** while Dulquer Salmaan's **Sita Ramam** is in eighth place. The ninth-placed film is Mani Ratnam's epic **Ponniyin Selvan** with **777 Charlie** coming in at number ten. Despite Bollywood's intense concentration on OTT releases, not a single Malayalam movie is included in the list. The IMDb average rating of films released between January 1 and November 7, 2022, was used to compile the list. These comprise both traditional and online video releases.



## None of Hrithik Roshan's Performances, in His Opinion, Have Stood The Test of Time

Sukriti Bansal

Actor Hrithik Roshan, a star in Bollywood, is quickly developing. He feels as though some of his best, most cherished performances no longer motivate him. The actor claimed that his sons Hrehaan and Hridhaan assisted him in putting this situation into perspective. "Koi Mil Gaya was my favourite performance and I believed it would go on forever. I felt very connected to that person. I recently presented the movie to my sons, Hrehaan and Hridhaan, with pride and in secret pride. I could easily know that I done too much as I saw that movie via their eyes. The landscape has altered. Everything has changed, the actor declared. My kids could see it too, he continued. After that, we had a very constructive debate. They've experienced the feelings, causing them to cry. However, they could also tell that I could have done some things differently. And they were citing spe-

cific TV programmes as examples. I can't recall the name of the TV programme, but it featured a doctor who was mentally challenged and how he performed and represented himself. I was quite happy that I was able to figure that out while I was watching the movie. It demonstrates how I've adapted to the times. It's not like I've been fixated on that performance and am unable to move past it. I'll give myself a little pat on the back." In a Galatta Plus interview, he commented, "Koi Mil Gaya was one performance I felt would last, but that is also gone." The character of a man with stunted mental growth was played by Koi Mil Gaya. The movie, which was written and directed by Hrithik's father Rakesh Roshan, served as the inspiration for the Krish superhero franchise. The actor believes that none of his previous performances-not just Koi Mil Gaya, but others, too, have stood the test of time.

Apart from that, I substantially enjoyed my work at Super 30. I messed up the first 20 minutes of the scene where I'm portraying the young guy, and I realised that once more. I overdid it there. Less is always better than more. In the latter 70% of each of these movies, I'm really good. However, he continued, "In the first 30%, I'm pushing too hard to draw the audience in. Hrithik's most recent film appearance was in Vikram Vedha, the Hindi version of the popular Tamil film of the same name. Despite positive reviews for Hrithik's performance, the movie failed to connect with audiences. Hrithik believed that one factor in the movie's poor box office performance may have been the audience's over-exposure to the original Tamil film. Hrithik is now busy with director Siddharth Anand's upcoming film Fighter.

## Varun Dhawan, Arjun Kapoor, and Anil Kapoor Will Ring in 2023 Together, and Fans are Anticipating New "Varjun" Material.

Sukriti Bansal

On Friday, Bollywood star Varun Dhawan posted a selfie on his Instagram stories alongside brothers Arjun and Anil Kapoor. Varun captioned the image, "Let's go." Varun and Anil were featured in a photo that Arjun tweeted with the caption, "Riding into 2023." Earlier, photos of Malaika Arora and Arjun Kapoor arriving at the airport together were also taken. Natasha Dalal, a designer, was photographed coming with actor Varun Dhawan. Anil Kapoor, who recently turned 66, looked sharp as he posed for pictures with photographers at the airport. The **Thar** actor also posted the photographs to his Instagram account with the caption "Flying out"

Sharing a picture on his Instagram handle, Arjun wrote, "When #kuttey was told #jugjuggjeeyo." Fans in the comment section of the post got excited after spotting Arjun and Varun together. They wrote, "varjun content omg" and "Now we want some crazy and fun content pls" Another fan praised Arjun and said, "YOU GOT SOME promotional influence it seems." Others in the comments section dropped red heart emoticons and some also speculated about their destination. On the work front, Anil Kapoor was recently seen in Jug Jugg Jeeyo. The film also starred Varun, Kiara Advani and Neetu Kapoor. He will next



be seen in **Animal** opposite Ranbir Kapoor and Rashmika Mandanna. Varun Dhawan and Kriti Sanon were recently seen in the film Bhediya. Next, Varun has Bawaal opposite Janhvi Kapoor. Arjun Kapoor is currently promoting his upcoming film Kuttey opposite an ensemble cast consisting of Tabu, Naseeruddin Shah and Radhika Madan. The movie is set to go on floors in January 2023.



# TRAVEL DIARIES

## Plan your trip to Meghalaya - The Meghalaya Odyssey



Shan Marbaniang

Meghalaya, one of India's most stunning states, will astound you in numerous unfathomable ways. Meghalaya entices you into a totally different world with its clean rivers, serene lakes, innumerable waterfalls, and not to mention its modest inhabitants and matrilineal culture. A future where people coexist peacefully with nature, whether by using living tree roots to create natural bridges, preserving endangered plants in holy forests, or living in

North-eastern India's Meghalaya is the place to be if any of this sounds appealing. Continue reading to learn how to organise a trip to Meghalaya, the land of clouds. What route would be best for you and where in Meghalaya you ought to go? This series, The Meghalaya Odyssey, will guide you through some of the top tourist destinations in Meghalaya, focusing especially on the Khasi highlands of the region. We will also discuss our visitation schedule for Meghalaya. In the first installment of

the series, we gave you a brief overview of Meghalaya and took you on a tour of the various regions, the people, and their ways.

### Arriving in Meghalaya

The best route to Meghalaya is through the Indian state of Assam, namely Guwahati. In addition to having an international airport, Guwahati is well connected to other parts of India by road, rail, and frequent flights. Once in Guwahati, you can travel the 120 km or three hours to Shillong via private cab, shared cab, or government bus. It is advised to take a private cab from the Guwahati airport onward for the entirety of your travel to Meghalaya. This would be far more convenient and time-saving than searching for shared cabs or government buses at each stop. Additionally, it will enable you to stray into rural areas and little towns that will always pleasantly

surprise you. Many of the unusual spots to see in Meghalaya that we will advise you to include on your itinerary are difficult to reach by public transportation. Shillong, does have civilian airport 30 kilometres from the main city, flights there are typically more expensive.

### Planning your trip to Meghalaya can be made easier with the help of places to visit there.

1. **Shillong** should be on your itinerary for places to see in Meghalaya.
2. **Mawphlang**: Do not overlook this location
3. Your trip to Meghalaya wouldn't be complete without visiting **Cherrapunjee**.
4. Do not skip adding **Dawki - Shnongpedong** to your itinerary for Meghalaya.
5. If you have a few extra days, include a visit to **Jowai** in the Jaintia Hills on your itinerary for Meghalaya.

### Additional advice

1. In certain isolated locations, like Mawlyngbna, mobile reception can be poor. Additionally, the majority of neighbouring communities would have a cell network, but there would be very limited internet connectivity. In Shillong, Cherrapunjee, and the surrounding places, 4G connectivity are available.
2. The majority of the state should have ATMs, however it would be wise to carry more cash because most remote regions do not accept credit cards.
3. If you visit in January, be prepared for the cold. It can get very cold at night and windy, especially near Shillong, so make sure to carry warm clothing. Due to the adjacent plains, Cherrapunjee and other locations closer to Bangladesh are generally warm.

## Kalga A Gem Stormed By Himachal in Parvati Valley

Shan Marbaniang

A small Himachal Pradesh village called Kalga or Kalgha is situated in the Parvati Valley at an elevation of 8200 feet atop a hill covered with forest. Providing a 360-degree view of the entire valley, it is the ideal place to travel to. The beauty of the village shines through their main sources of income, i.e, apple growing and animal husbandry. To supplement their income, some locals also host homestays and cafés on the grounds of their old wooden homes. Stone fencing surrounds the village homes to keep the animals from wandering off. While living on the upper floor of their home, the locals maintain their animals and fuel in the basement.

### How to get to this serene village?

For those travelling by bus, the HRTC bus stops at Barshaini, the final station in Parvati Valley. Trek all



the way to Kalga from Barshaini. Two roads and a sign board maybe seen as you cross a Shiva temple that is painted white. Soon after turning up the road, you will see stairs leading to Kalga settlement. There are around 120 steps, and the ascent takes 20 to 25 minutes.

### Place to stay at

Many people in Kalga have now converted a portion of their original wooden homes into homestays. Although they are spacious, these guest rooms are relatively basic and can only hold 4 to 5 visitors at once. Geysers are available, and the facilities are communal. Meals are provided by hosts to their visitors, and these meals include Indian and continental fare like Rajma Chawal, Nutella Milk, Eggs, Spinach Curry, Aloo Parantha, etc.

### Sights to see around Kalga?

The villages of Tosh, Manikaran, Pulga, Tulga, Chalal, Shilha, and many more are among the Parvati valley's must-see locations close to Kalga.

## Chennai: The Culture Capital



Ananya Hariharan

Chennai, formerly known as Madras, is a picture of scenic beauty. Famous for its temples, art, music, dance and architecture, the region boasts a rich culture and heritage which has been passed down for generations. Since 1974, the city has been designated the status of a metropolitan area, declaring it a major hub for tourists and immigrants alike. Owing to this status, the city is well connected to other states within the country as well as international destinations like the UK, Kuala Lumpur, and Tokyo. If one wishes to travel domestically, they have an array of options to choose from-buses, trains, flights or if you wish to incorporate a road trip into your vacation, a car or a bike would suffice! However, it must be noted that one will be required to produce the required vaccination certificate or RT-PCR reports for interstate travel. Chennai, being a coastal city, has several beaches and resorts along the coastline which offer a magnificent view of the Bay of

Bengal. The longest beach in India happens to be in this very city. . The Marina Beach, which is a 2-minute walk from the nearest bus station, boasts a breath-taking shoreline, dotted with mini attractions like seaside horse rides, carousel rides and a variety of foods ranging from fried goodies like bajjis, a local delicacy which usually involves deep-frying potatoes, onions, or chillies after covering them with batter to healthier options like spice covered raw mangoes and cucumbers. I would recommend the chilli or Malaga bajji served with a coconut-based white and green chutney!

### A few things to keep in mind while travelling are:

Watch out for pickpockets. Tourist places are always crowded and buzzing with activity, thus making it the perfect place to commit crimes. Do not forget to haggle when it comes to the price of autos or other trinkets. unfamiliarity with the area. Learning a few basic phrases in Tamil would not hurt!

# SPORTS

## Messi and Team in Spotlight

Nandana J

Lionel Messi and his team kick their way to the FIFA World Cup Finals 2022, marking Argentina's sixth ticket to the finals. Messi shot into the top corner from the penalty spot (34) to open the scoring after Man City striker Alvarez earned a debatable penalty following a collision with Croatia's goalkeeper Dominik Livakovic. Argentina's captain says he is "very happy" that his last World Cup game will be in Sunday's final. He further said "There are a lot of years from this year to the next one. I don't think I will be able to do that. To finish this way is brilliant". The team reveals that their boost and drive behind this victory was the lost match against Saudi

Arabia at the beginning of the FIFA World Cup series 2022. "It fills me with pride to get to the final and represent the national team. I just feel privileged to be in the final" says Argentina's coach Lionel Scaloni. The match night on Tuesday became a rallying cry for the two-time World Cup-winning nation and their 40,000-strong following in Qatar. According to AFP news agency, Argentina's embassy in Doha reported that between 35,000 and 40,000 Argentines have traveled to Qatar in the hope of seeing their team lift the World Cup for the first time in 36 years, which may also be 35-year-old Messi's last tournament. The FIFA World Cup 2022 finale will take place on the 18th of December at Lusail



## Kerala Defeats Bihar, Wins Santosh Trophy; J&K loses to Manipur.

Sukriti Bansal

Thursday's Santosh Trophy qualifying match saw host Kerala demolish Bihar 4-1. It was their second victory in as many contests. Two of those goals were scored by Nijo Gilbert, both in the first half. Nijo's well-placed free kick from a few yards outside the D resulted in the opening goal. He made the penalty

kick he was given for Rahul Kumar's handball four minutes later. However, Bihar got one back thanks to a header from Munna Mandi following an Akash Kumar corner kick. Late in the game, Kerala scored twice in a four-minute span to emphasise its superiority.



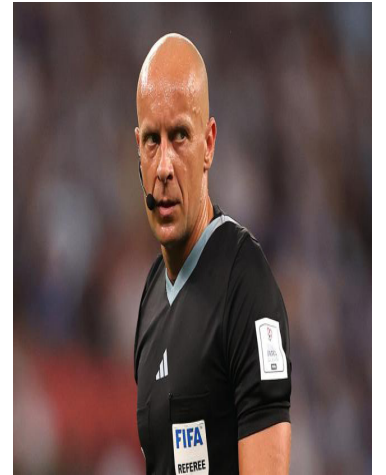
## World Cup Final Referee Admits To Error During Argentina vs France Match.

Referee Szymon Marciniak faced criticism from French media that he should have disallowed Messi's extra-time goal.

Shukrta Vaigankar

When Argentina and France faced off against one another at the Lusail Stadium in Qatar. Szymon Marciniak made history by being the first referee from Poland to officiate a World Cup Final. For the Pole, who was forced to leave his position a year ago owing to a heart condition, it was a realisation of a dream (after he was diagnosed with Tachycardia). The French media, however, criticised Marciniak for allowing Lionel Messi's extra-time goal to stand after a video showing three Argentina substitutes violating FIFA rules by entering the field before the ball crossed the line. The 41-year-old, who presided over his first World

Cup game in Russia in 2018, responded to his detractors at a press conference by showing a screenshot of seven France players standing on the field after Kylian Mbappe scored his equalising penalty in the extra time. It's interesting to note that Marciniak did acknowledge that his performance wasn't completely error-free. He told Sport. PL, "Of course, there were mistakes in this final. I interrupted the French-counter-attack after a bad tackle by Marcos Acuna." "I was afraid that the fouled player wanted to unwind, and I read it all wrong because nothing happened, and you could



give an advantage and then come back with a card. It's hard. In a game like this, I take such a mistake in the dark. The important thing is that there were no big mistakes," he added. The referee's response came after a petition in France collecting 200,000 signatures demanding for a rematch of the FIFA World Cup final game.

## France Squad Trains on Finale Eve Despite Virus Scare

Team Communique

The whole France squad attended a training session on the eve of Sunday's World Cup final against Argentina after a virus sidelined a number of players this week. Coach Didier Deschamps said on Saturday that the team has been taking enough precaution to stop the spread of illness, which has affected a number of players. Central defensive pair Raphael Varane and Ibrahima Konate missed training on Friday, along with winger Kingsley Coman, while mid-fielder Adrien Rabiot and defender Dayot Upamecano did not play in Wednesday's semi-final win over Morocco. However, all 24 members of the France squad were present at the start of their training session in Doha on Saturday evening. Deschamps told his pre-match press conference that the

France camp were "trying to take as many precautions as possible". "Obviously it would be better if this wasn't happening but we are handling it as well as possible with our medical staff." he said. Deschamps and his captain Hugo Lloris both insisted they could not offer any health updates before the team trained at the home stadium of Qatari champions Al Sadd. "I am fine. As for the players, I left quite early this morning so they were all sleeping"; added Deschamps as he spoke to reporters at 11:30 am. "We are trying to handle the situation as well as possible and remain calm and focused, get some more information later today and think about that tonight and maybe tomorrow. And of course we're looking forward to being ready for this important game."; Players, staff and other sources close to the squad have spoken

of a range of symptoms affecting the team in recent days, including fever, stomach pain and headaches. Measures have been taken at the team's hotel, including isolating certain players, but Covid-19 testing is no longer imposed by world governing body FIFA. France aims to become the first team since Brazil in 1962 to successfully defend the World Cup. They are facing an Argentina side determined to win the trophy in what is likely to be Lionel Messi's last-ever match at the tournament. "We are never really prepared for this type of thing but we are trying to prepare in the best way possible." Lloris said of the illness worries. "We remain focused and of course we're very excited about playing in a World Cup final".



# MOVIE REVIEWS

## Bhediya



Shakeel Ahmed

### PLOT

Bhaskar (Varun Dhawan) is bitten by a wolf while in Arunachal Pradesh on a unique but magical night that only occurs once a year for a forest road project. He has wolf-like traits because of the bite and can change into a werewolf on occasion. On this quest to uncover his inner animal, he is accompanied by Anika (Kriti Sanon), Panda (Deepak Dobriyal), Janardhan (Abhishek Banerjee), and Join (Paalin Kabak). Why did he become a werewolf in the first place? What happens to the project for the forest road? How does his transformation affect Anika, Panda, Janard-

han, and Join? In Bhediya, all queries are addressed.

### PERFORMANCE

Bhediya checks every box in terms of performance. Varun Dhawan, who also carries the movie on his shoulders, excels in the parts where he transforms. He has mastered the art of mouthing some one-liners with conviction, and he also performs admirably in the movie's tragic scenes. Although Kriti Sanon only has a brief amount of screen time, her character adds a fresh perspective as the plot develops. Abhishek Banerjee delivers the dialogue funnily, which quickens the pace of the picture. In contrast to Deepak Dobriyal, who plays Panda with dependability, Paalin Kabak gets his chance to shine in the second half. The plot doesn't give Saurabh Shukla much room to manoeuvre. You are left wanting more after Rajkumar Rao and Aparshakti Khurana's surprise appearance near the end of the film.

Bhediya has a fresh idea that has not been seen in Hindi films before. The excellent visual effects, which produce some fantastic cinematic shots, help the idea of a creature comedy to translate successfully on the screen. Not in terms of scale, but on a technical level, it is among the best visual effects for a Hindi film. The 3D makes the experience even better, especially during the scenes with the wolf. The first half of the movie and the first few frames of the post-intermission scenes rely heavily on some genuinely humorous jokes.

### VERDICT

Bhediya mostly relies on humor, special effects, and performances, although the second half would have benefited from a more intense fight between a hero and a villain. It makes for an entertaining movie for kids and families looking to see something different from the Hindi film industry on the big screen.

## HIT - The Second Case



Akshaya Vardhini

With a new world, new characters, new faces and a new case, the second case has HIT the big screens with a bang. Followed by the critical acclaim of HIT The First case in 2020, the sequel to it was released last week and it did not seem to have failed expectations. The crime thriller starring Adivi Sesh, Suhas and Meenakshi Chaudhary in the lead roles did not fail to keep the audience on the edge of their seat throughout the two-hour duration.

Sesh effortlessly pulls off the role of KD, a laid-back yet sincere and smart cop of the HIT (Homicide Intervention Department) at

Vizag. The world of KD is carefully crafted with a socially conscious - activist girlfriend, a loyal cop buddy, a shady superior officer and a perfect team assisting with his investigation. All these characters in some way or another contribute to changing the course of the investigation at each point. The story navigates through one of his most challenging cases, a hunt for a serial killer who dumps a body in a pub where each of the body parts in the murder belongs to several other victim. The cat-and-mouse drama was engaging and was kept on point to match the pace of the narrative. Editing and cinematography have been a pillar of strength for HIT. One of the best things about the movie apart from a fast-paced narrative is the screenplay and the ease at which it kept the audience hooked to the story, despite very few loopholes in some places. HIT - is an appealing crime thriller.

## An Action Hero

Shakeel Ahmed

### PLOT

Manav Khurrana (Ayushmann Khurrana), the biggest action hero in India, flees to London after inadvertently killing the brother of a prominent politician in India to avoid being apprehended by local police. Manav intends to pursue his legal struggle from London because he believes in the strength of the truth, but little does he realize that politician Bhoora (Jaideep Ahlawat) has already come to London intending to kill him. How does Manav defend himself against the police and the bad guys?

### PERFORMANCE

The first time Ayushmann Khurrana enters a scene involving action, he does so looking more valiant than ever before. He initially presents with the attitude of a superstar before changing as the narrative goes on. He gives the role a variety of shades and easily passes the

test of entering the slightly macho territory. As Bhoora, Jaideep Ahlawat is fantastic, and some of his blunt exchanges perfectly encapsulate what dark comedy is all about. His rage gives the movie some amusing moments. Akshay Kumar's appearance is funny, and it is wonderful to see him this year in an urban setting, doing what he does best—comedy. In their limited roles, Jitender Hooda and Hiten Patel perform admirably. The remainder of the cast does admirably in their modest roles.

### MOVIE

An Action Hero's greatest asset is filmmaker Anirudh Iyer's determination to tell this tale of retribution in a particular manner. His method of narrating the story and its progression keeps the reader's interest. The script is filled with funny one-liners and unexpected camera movements. The first half moves quickly, with interesting episodes



following one another. The writing keeps you interested throughout, from the way the tale is introduced in India overall to the aircraft block starring Akshay Kumar and the cat-and-mouse chase between Manav, the police, and Bhoora in London.

Even yet, the audience's reactions to the finale in the second half, which is particularly strong, may vary. The background score is a major victory for the team because it is energetic and complements the pace and atmosphere of the movie. The action scenes are also unexpectedly well-designed, well-shot, and well-written

because they advance the plot rather than just being filler. One of the movie's major highlights is Akshay Kumar's 5-minute cameo, which is certain to have the entire theatre burst out laughing. His expressions alone can make people chuckle, and his parting exchange with Ayushmann is right up there with the finest scenes of the year.

The second half of An Action Hero's script exhibits some repetition. You are often left wondering why the characters do not kill each other. In truth, the movie briefly veers off course, but the director does a good job of pulling all the right strings to refocus the narrative with the protracted conclusion. The initial few frames of the underworld track do not work at all, and it is impossible to imagine how one might make a comedy on the dismal state of Indian media today. Although the producers' forecast of TRP is accurate, the

entire track may have been condensed. Without the prolonged climax, the faults would have been more evident; in particular, the story's twist forces you to look past some of the logical flaws. Most of the feelings are desi and relatable, but the climax may not be to everyone's taste, which limits the film's appeal. Although there may be disagreements up until the last 30 minutes, this film will undoubtedly be well-received once it is made available online. Malaika Arora's dance performance is a poor replica of a popular song and does not improve the movie in any way.

### VERDICT

An Action Hero is a cleverly crafted action thriller in which the director demonstrates his passion to find the ideal balance in the genre by incorporating humor and absurd situations. The second half of the fight does become monotonous.

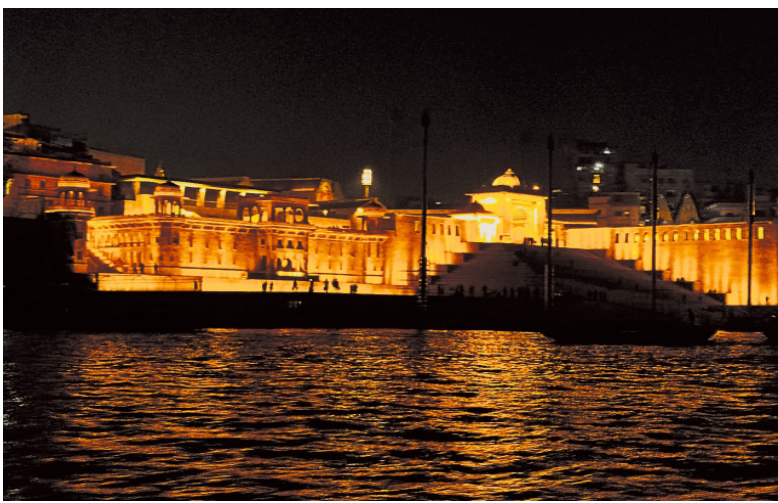
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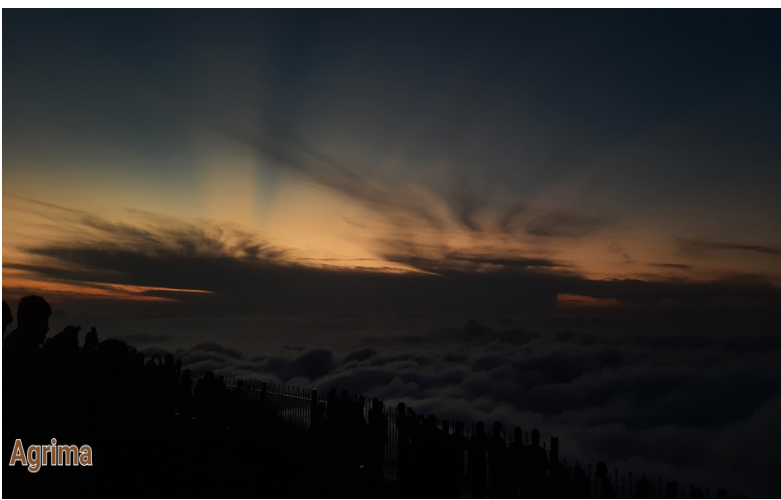
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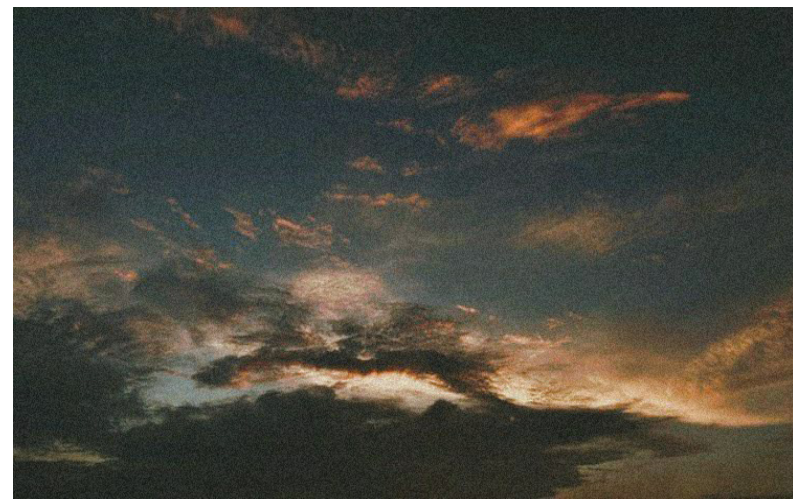
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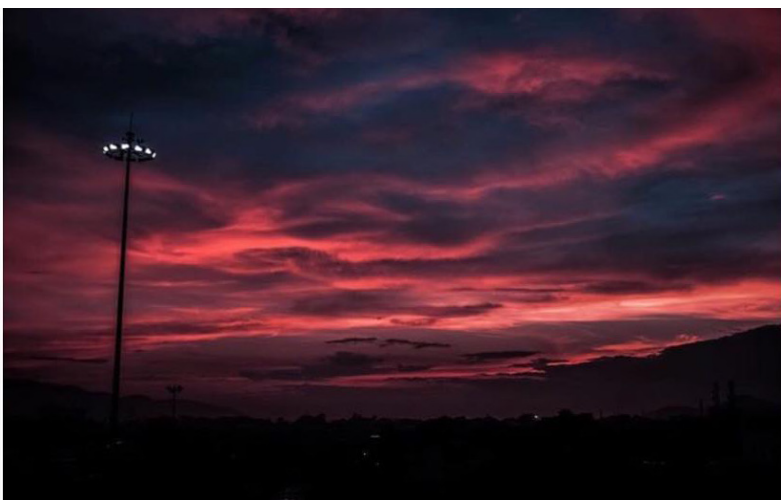
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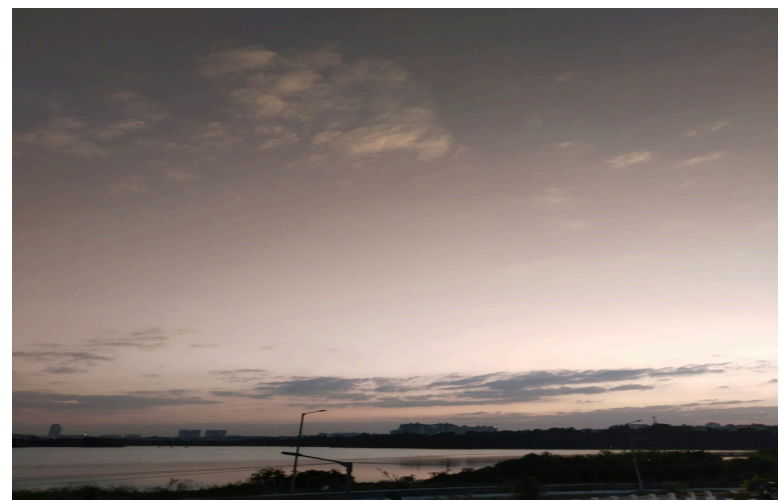
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# PROMETHEAN

I hold myself tight,  
In the darkest night  
On the coldest day.  
They bring the chills of uncertainty and  
prospect  
But the joy of silence comforts.

-khushboo

We are bothered by things which is merely under  
our control.  
We push our boundaries of hopelessness to such  
an extreme that everything and everyone stops  
making sense.  
Getting old is not a pain but a pause in thought  
process.  
The need of belonging is a falsehood.  
Between 'holding on' and 'letting go' we stand  
nowhere.

-khushboo

I burry my inner self,  
I burry my craziest thought,  
I burry my emotions,  
I burry intimacy,  
Just to fall in a grave as human.

-khushboo

Jab Jab Mera Dil Uske Yaadon Mein Roya,  
Jab Jab Mera Dil Usse Gehra Pyaar Karne Laaga,  
Tab Tab Maine Apne Dil Se Pucha,  
”Tu Kyu Uske Liye Khudko Kurbaan Kar  
Baitha?  
Aisa Hona Toh Nahi Chaiye Tha,  
Usse Pyaar Kaise Ho Baitha?  
Kaise Wo Mere Jeene Ki Wajah Bani?  
Kaise?  
Wo Mere Dastur Mein Nahi Hai Ye Jante  
Hue Bhi Kaise Aisa Ho Gaya? Uske Liye Khudko  
Taiyaar Kitna Bhi Karlu,  
Wo Meri Nahi,  
Kitna Bhi Kosish Karlu,  
Wo Meri Nahi.....  
Ye Saab Jante Hue Bhi Ye Dil Kaise Uspe  
Kurbaan Hogaya?  
Kaise?  
-Shreyashi Bhattacharjee

What's December To  
You?  
For Me It's  
Homecoming,  
For Me It's Being With  
The People I've Been  
With For More Than  
Fifteen Years,  
For Me It's Celebrating  
Friendship.  
For Me It's Sharing  
Kindness With People,  
For Me It's Being  
Grateful For  
Everything,  
For Me It's Creating  
New Dreams.  
For Me It's Love,  
For Me It's Warmth,  
For Me It's The Time  
Of The Year When The  
Heart Feels Light,  
For Me It's My City Of  
Joy,  
For Me It's Walking  
Down North  
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My Family,  
For Me It's Learning  
To Live And Chase,  
For Me It's  
Everything...

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